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New Dorm Reserved for "Full-Payers"

Above: The administration's leaked vision board for the new dormitory

With the imminent completion of the eagerly awaited freshman housing dorm at Middlebury College, comes a threat that many believe will exacerbate the existing wealth gap on campus.

While there has long been support for a new dormitory due to the concerning trend of over-enrollment in recent years, controversy has sparked after Laurie Patton, President of Middlebury College, officially announced that the new residential hall under construction on Battel Beach will be reserved for "Full-Payers" only.

The architectural blueprints of the new building boast 87,000 square feet of marble floor space, containing a built-in movie theater, barre studio, EREWHON pop-up, 24/7 graduate-school counselor, and equestrian stables. The new dorm will hold 298 California King beds for the incoming class, and not a single one of them will be going to a "Poor".

The residential hall is slated to join the Academic and Social Interest Houses at Middlebury and will be aptly named "Affluencia."

"We realized that Middlebury has affinity spaces for all the other socioeconomic classes, and so we asked ourselves: Why would we leave out our future benefactors?" Scoffed Jenny Trification, Vice President for Finance and Fat Stacks, "When this building is completed, we expect that nearly 50% of the Class of 2028 will call it home, and 100% of them will be from the 1%."

The Middlebury's Mens Lacrosse team has also become active in the discourse, holding public demonstrations around campus and using their large financial backing to promote the solution. One of Middlebury's star players, Rich Erthanu '24, stated that "it really does make the most sense - I mean Middlebury never used to let these needies in, so if we're gonna let the rabble in, I at least want a space where everyone looks like me, dresses like me, vacations like me, and went to the same preparatory academy as me!"

Furthermore, under the new policy, students on financial aid or Federal Work Study programs will also be losing access to Atwater Dining Hall, with the administration hoping that the large windows will make the urchins gaze wistfully at a taste of the good life and hopefully motivate them to work a little harder and pull themselves up by their own boot straps. In the meantime, the less-fortunate will only be allowed to eat at Ross dining hall during continental breakfast hours.

Frisbee Team Receives Generous Donation

Above: The Middlebury Pranksters rolling in it

Middlebury College's Ultimate Frisbee team, the Middlebury Pranksters, has scored big off the field this season with a record-breaking donation from one of its esteemed alumni. The Pranksters, known for their competitive spirit and dedication to the "sport," is now empowered to purchase two new Frisbees thanks to the $15 bequeathment from past captain Frith Beeth '98. Below is Beeth's asinine and hardly literate statement which accompanied the endowment during the Pranksters' acceptance ceremony:

"I put Fisbee team new fisbee for them to throwing everywhere. They like the fisbees because they can throw everywhere in the world. They can throw everywhere in the area for free. Playing on fibsee sports fields is what they can do As well. When I saw that they got the new fisbee I said Oh my gosh that amazing. Because i bought them. I knew is so good for fisbee team to get another one of the fibees, because they are named this way. So they will like it. I can nt play the firsbee anymore because It hitted my in the moth with a fibsee before, and I had to lose my canine toth in front which hurt a lot. So I dont want to throw frisbee in the areas because it could hit my again. Ultimately, This is a really good thing because there are the people who love to throw it, and by it I meant the Frisbee, everwhere the world. The CIA is responsible for the assassination of John F. Kennedy. My freinds like this a lot so I also like it a lot. That is pretty much all of the things I going to say about this time! (sic)"

The Ultimate Frisbee team was naturally elated to receive such a program-changing gift, and has revealed grandiose and aspirational plans to use the funding to finance "one red one and one blue one."

Middlebury to Integrate 4-Factor Authentication into Everything

As part of a multi-million dollar contract with Microsoft, Middlebury College will be further expanding its implementation of multi-factor authentication into "as many aspects of daily life as possible."

"Security is our greatest concern—recent violent incidents on campus have unearthed the disturbing fact that our community is fundamentally unprotected. This is why we are partnering with the ethical people at Microsoft to help implement more security measures across every possible action on campus," says Middlebury's head of cybersecurity, Burr O'Crat.

Currently, multi-factor authentication is used when opening Outlook, Google, and Adobe accounts, Middlebury Canvas, Banner, and Presence websites, and least notably, for voting in the recent SGA election. As per Microsoft's official suggestion, the following actions will now require up to four steps of mobile authentication before use: entrance to dorms, dining halls, and every room with a door; riding any Snow Bowl ski-lift or magic carpet; sending any email from a Middlebury address; turning on burners, stoves, or microwaves in campus buildings; unlocking treadmills or free weights at the Fitness Center (both open and varsity); using any faucet or Middlebury-paid source of potable water; pulling any fire alarm for any reason; and wiping your ass with Middlebury toilet paper, among others.

These changes are the first in an indicated series of implementations. In a press release, O'Crat alluded to possible implementation of mandatory multi-FA bike locks, car keys, and chastity belts.

"We will protect our student body from cyber attacks by any means necessary. It might take a little more time, but the tradeoff is a no-brainer. You only have to verify your email, phone number, SSN, and notarized birth certificate, for an impregnable guarantee of safety from the many hazards of the outside world."

It remains to be seen if these measures will be effective, or even accepted; several students have threatened to "immediately fucking immolate themselves" at the prospect of Multi-FA toilet paper. "These drama queens," according to O'Crat, "would benefit greatly from our next initiative: fully padded, corner-sanded dorm rooms—for their protection."

Authentic Caribbean Flavors at The Grille

As Middlebury students return to campus after Spring break, The Grille has revealed an innovative plan to change its historical menu. In place of the classic "Even Steven," or a beloved "Nurse Feel Good," with the total menu makeover, students can now order authentic dishes such as the "Jamaican Even Steven" and "Reggae Nurse Feel Good."

"It's a change we've been meaning to make for a long time. I'm happy to see this dream become a reality," says Head Chef, and leader of the project, Stewart Johnson, the self-proclaimed "Lion of Judah," or "Small up yourself." Open from 8am to 11pm, students can use their declining balance to exercise their cultural awareness by consuming food with seasoning.

"Since getting back from my family trip to Jamaica, I have not stopped thinking about the food from the resort. I'm so glad I can revisit that time in my life here at Middlebury!" says Emily Westchester, class of 2027.5 and Jamaica Four Seasons Guest '24—one of very few white Middlebury students who purportedly listens to "real Kingston ska."

The campus "Global Network for Tomorrow's Future Youth," GNTRFY for short, has decided to remove the colonial "The" from the name, opting for a more aesthetically pleasing "Da." The complete transformation of Da Grille is no easy feat. To help with the project, the college will fund the importation of twenty migrant workers.

According to Middlebury Dining Services, the reason for this increase in staffing is strictly "exploitation." The Center for Careers and Internships will oversee these new workers and hold their passports for the duration of their time working at Da Grille. The CCI believes this innovative approach will "make them work super hard!" So, if you're planning on a late night of studying, make your way to Da Grille for a taste of some authentic, mouthwatering flavors of the Caribbean.

"Bomboclaat!" says Emily Westchester

These kids are so screwed

August Housing Draw Set to Face Firing Squad

As Middlebury students return from summer break, incoming juniors will not get the picturesque reunion with their friends that they were expecting. Instead of rolling their bags down the charming, lavish halls of Le Chateau or enjoying the sweet serenity of ADK, the 46% of the Class of 2026 placed in "August Draw" will face a pale, daunting wall of rifles on the quad.

"It's a move we had to make," says ResLife director Dorma Tori. "We just can't afford to pay a bunch of them to fuck off to Copenhagen again."

As next year approaches, the desire for ADA accommodations grows immensely. The economy for that coveted doctor's signature has shifted to an external, underground network. Victims of the draw gather at the Marble Works come nightfall to bid for that one, special piece of paper.

"I didn't want it to come to this, " says Anita Accommodayshins '26, emerging soaking wet from the depths of Otter Creek. "I had my single in Forest all planned out—had a Pinterest board and everything. But next thing I knew, I received a housing portal notification telling me some J.O.B bought my room. And while I respect the free market, I'd really prefer to not get executed. "

Not unlike Accommodayshins, many unlucky students have been pulled into August draw at the hands of full-tuition payers and their hefty bribes to reslife.

"The dormitory black market currently values a Forest East room at around $89,000." says administration whistleblower Reality Loser. "But I can secure you one of those weird BiHall bathroom benches for 50k."

The firing squad is set to take place on move-in day to prevent any potential disruptions to the academic schedule. In the meantime, head to go/execution to purchase a cute, ResLife firing squad sweatshirt and/or Nalgene.

OPINION

A Letter of Praise

By The Humanitarian Society of Middlebury College

We've all heard the reports. We've all heard his name, studied his work, and we've all wished we could be one tenth the man he is. Nevertheless, the Humanitarian Society of Middlebury College feels it imperative to share the story of Trent Slurman, a truly inspiring student, whose heroic acts during this year's Winter Carnival shocked the world, and set an example for generations to come.

Slurman was already a star on campus, known for his passion in the game of the enclosed racquet sport with goggles and the little ball, his mastery of plumbing, and his gleaming personality that encapsulated the Middlebury spirit. He had touched many lives, but the hills of the Snowbowl is where the greater Middlebury community was graced by his dignity.

In the midst of the debauchery of Winter Carnival, wherein most of the student body falls victim to the allure of sinful actions and belligerent self indulgence, Slurman worked valiantly to ensure the best possible experience for every Middlebury student there, striving to aid and support his fellow man, woman, and gender nonconforming peer.

Slurman carried the sick and elderly up the mountain, shoveled snow tirelessly onto the racecourse, aided Patrol in sledding down drunkards, ensured that ADA guidelines were followed on all modes of public transportation, and worked to ensure inclusivity for all BIPOC students. He stood up to violence and discrimination, was an exemplar of distinguished behavior, and spread both love and peace up and down the mountain.

As a reward for his good-natured efforts, Slurman was voluntarily escorted off the mountain by the Middlebury Police Department to their station for an overnight awards ceremony, where he was given a medal for his outstanding humanitarian action. The College administration has also requested that Slurman leave campus permanently, to ensure that his good samaritanism and impeccable record may never be blemished.

Kicked Out of Weybridge House Due to Chamoy Pickle

My Fellow Panthers,

Many of you may know me as the Weybridge Pariah. And while you may know my name you do not know my story. Let me tell you right now, do not fucking join the Weybridge House unless you want to be stripped of your free will. Now I know what you're thinking, "my calves are going to look FANTASTIC after that morning Twilight-adjacent hike to campus." Or maybe, you fancy yourself a student of the Ross panini press and all its glory. WELL IT'S NOT ANYTHING LIKE WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE!!! As a bit of a food Instagram reels baddie myself, I felt more than inclined to join the food studies interest house last April after receiving September draw (it's like August draw but I have to sleep at the snowbowl for a month.) So I showed up to their Sunday brunch to claim my place, and those crumby freaks were bare ass naked.

Sure, so was I–and yeah, I stayed–but in my defense, where else can I start my week off in my bag, tits out, and sipping a mimosa???

But APPARENTLY, my express-ordering of nine TikTok chamoy pickle kits isn't "sustainable" or "what the interest house stands for." STAND FOR THIS DICK, WEYBRIDGE HOUSE!!! And don't even get me started on the potluck. These clowns in Keens can bring their seitan crumble and their beet milk bruschetta, but I can't bring my cheesy birria buldak ramen??? What is this, the FASCISM interest house? And yes, I was "asked to leave" for bringing a "negative" and "uncomfortable" vibe to the house. But I like to think that I CHOSE to leave. Leave to somewhere me and my red-40 can be accepted and appreciated!!!

Kisses, XOXO,
The Weybridge Pariah

The Middlebury Shop
NEW RUSTIC ROPE HAT

With an adjustable plastic back strap.

OPINION

Why are There No Hoes in Vermont?

By Phuc Ng Desprit '26

Before coming to Middlebury, I was told by my best friend's older brother, Doug "Goopy" Gooperson, that there is literally nothing to do in small New England towns besides drink, ski, and sleep around. I thought to myself, "that's my love language!" and immediately began growing out a stache, learning all the words to Noah Kahan's Stick Season, and promptly decided on applying to Middlebury College. Today, I'm two years into this whole "drink" "ski" "sex" thing and let me tell you, the third extracurricular is frighteningly unprioritized by the female masses. Listen, I was told I'd be a solid 6 here and escape the slums of my hometown 4 status. I was promised glory. I was promised a certain degree of desperation from these uhhh… "free-spirited" women. Alas, the "free-spirited" women in the great state of Vermont are more "free-from-shaving-their-pits"! Apparently they're all too busy training for marathons, reminiscing on their semester in Oxford, and looking like they actually enjoy IPAs. (They don't). You know, I used to believe these Vermont chicks were "feminists," unconcerned with "labels of promiscuity." I see now, that I was lied to.

While they are the first to say they're "sex positive," I'm left feeling, on the whole, negative, after all attempts at finding "companionship."

How am I supposed to have rough and calloused mountain man hands, if I'm beating off twice a day? Now I know people are attributing this sudden absence of hoes to an overall increase in female self worth, but what about my worth? Don't you women care? You have no idea how hard guys here have it these days. I pierced my right ear for you!

What do I tell my friends at Boulder and USC, when we compare our Notes page "Kiss List." That I'm too mature to have one of those anymore?? Because I'm not. I'm so upset I could literally bust. What's a guy gotta do to get his stick seasoned around here…

Fashion Hack: Thrift the Clothes off Maintenance Staffs' Backs

By Dee Popgirley '24

Imagine this - double knee, medium wash, perfectly worn in around the ass, ruggedly stained, saggy hammer loop-baring vintage Carhartt jeans, suavely paired with a perfectly oversized WAXED DENIM jacket with a big old hood and sleeves that cover just up to my fingertips. And top it all off, THE perfect SINGLE STITCH vintage white tee. And no, I'm not describing Grailed listings I have cum over, I'm talking about the outfit I just bought off of the maintenance worker fixing my drain!

I woke up this morning, popped my Ozempy, and walked into my bathroom to the tightest little ass leaning over the sink. At first I thought I had found the woman of my dreams right there in the Ross Complex, but once I saw the patchy beard and dented Stanley thermos, I knew I had met my style icon instead. Everything he was wearing is on my eBay watchlist, damn it! It was then that I decided that this janitor guy doesn't deserve that blue-collar bad boy aesthetic more than me - he doesn't even understand the Jack Donoghue, tough boy look of it all. So, as he tried to ask me how we even got so much keef powder in this sink to fully clog the drain, I interrupted and told him I wanted to buy his outfit. After some coaxing and initial confusion, that man left in underwear and the MCAB tee shirt we use to cover the lights in the common room.

I now realize that I have cracked the code on sourcing directly and I wanted to share it with the rest of the world. You all too can save hundreds and even thousands of dollars while giving the help a little bit of extra cash.

The Middlebury Shop

THREE NEW STYLES!

Fabric laundered for reduced shrinkage.

$40 Million Bequest Directed to Coptic Language School

Middlebury College is planning to allocate a portion of its bequest of $40 million toward the development of an eight-week summer program for Coptic—an Afroasiatic language used from the 3rd to 17th century CE. The leader of the project, Athanasius I, says high admission for the program will not only help with the revival of the language but also with the revival of "Byzantine type liturgies and the greater Coptic rite."

The program will include daily instruction from world-renowned Coptic language revivalists such as St. Cyril the Pillar of Faith, St. Peter the Seal of the Martyrs, St. Athanasius the Apostolic, and Keanu Reeves. A majority of students' days will be spent gathering by the campus Tables of Oblation and reading accounts from the Liturgy of St. Basil (ⲧⲁⲛⲁⲫⲟⲣⲁ ⲛ̀ⲧⲉ ⲡⲓⲁ̀ⲣⲓⲟⲥ ⲃⲁⲥⲓⲗⲓⲟⲥ). As two hundred days of fasting are observed, students will not need to partake in meal times during the eight-week program.

Unfortunately, with the hefty financial cost of reviving Medieval Coptic traditions and language, the college will have to reconsider the status of all thirteen of its language schools.

"It's hard to say goodbye to our beloved programs. But the Coptic Summer Experience will prove to be the best $48,000 you spend," says Dean of Curriculum, St. Demetrius the Vinedresser.

Head to go/ⲧⲙⲉⲛϩⲱⲣ/ to apply.

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Sabai Sabai Eliminates Redundancy

After thirteen years of pretty good-ish food and somewhat inefficient service, Middlebury's local Thai restaurant was looking for actionable and high-impact advisory, so they called in the Middlebury Consulting Group to apply their liberal arts education to practical business challenges and connect with the local community. Known for being the best and brightest minds that the five-mile radius surrounding the college has to offer, the MCG readily accepted the challenge, and is proud to introduce ***Sabai*** (formerly known as Sabai Sabai).

"After days of synergy and piggybacking ideas, we discovered some real leverage and outside-of-the-box ideas from putting our noses to the grindstone and then totally saw the redundancy and superfluity of the name," says Reese Eshin '25. "Like, the name has two whole Sabais which means there is still a Sabai left, like the restaurant had already used Sabai earlier in the name; the second one is just redundant. It was super tricky, I will say, to determine which Sabai was the right Sabai to take out for a seamless integration" he added.

The newest member of the consulting agency, Nepo Tism '27.5, managed a team tasked with shortening the height of the "b" by just under 23% and removing the wasteful whitespace previously found between the two Sabais.

"This ink reduction was a huge move in the core competency of the restaurant and I can already see it saving nickels, or hell even dimes!" stated Tism.

The MCG declared that this would alleviate the strain on the singular chef that the restaurant currently employs. With such enormous strides in boosting the health of the Middlebury economy being made, many wonder just what other industry-disrupting ideas the group has up their sleeve—and luckily Tism was able to hint at another upcoming restaurant project: "Let's just say there don't need to be two brothers to run a tavern," he stated with a knowing wink. There is no doubt that the Middlebury community will continue to prosper under the efficiency, ingenuity, and guidance of the MCG.

Maroon 5 Will STILL Not Be Coming Next Spring

Tensions have risen on campus once again regarding the annually recurring rumors that Maroon 5 will finally be coming to Middlebury College for next year's MCAB Spring Concert. Still, the band has yet to come forward and make a statement. Adam Levine, known for his robust falsetto, formidable stage presence, and, more recently, cheating on his pregnant wife, has remained silent despite the NESCAC's overwhelming yearning for his presence. Fortunately, writers here at The Local Noodle were able to sit down with Levine to attain some much-needed answers (the following interview is an excerpt from a three-hour radio talk show on the future of generative computing).

Q: Thanks for coming in today, Adam.
A: Thanks for having me.
Q: I guess we should just get straight into it. How have you and the band taken ongoing speculations about an upcoming performance here at Middlebury?
A: I have no idea what you're talking about.
Q: Well, are the other four aware of these speculations?
A: There are actually five others, and I have no idea if they know either.
Q: Wait, let me get this right. There's six of you?
A: Yup.
Q: That's weird.
A: It's not that weird.
Q: …so you guys aren't coming to Middlebury?
A: Nope.
[Very long pause]
Q: Like nope as in you're not not coming?
A: (Interjecting) We aren't coming.

It seems that the Middlebury campus will, once again, find itself bereft of the Pachelbellian "Memories" or the off-the-wall, raw, unrelenting, wild, untamed raw pure wild energy of "Animals" next Spring. Like this year, and the years before, it seems that **we** might be the ones who are Marooned. Maybe we, as Middlebury students, should accept that they might not "just want to be deep in our love." On a much more positive note, MCAB is close to securing James Valentine—the dude with the long hair from Maroon 5—this Spring to debut his upcoming album, "A Needing For Believing."

JOIN US FOR WEEKLY, BEGINNER FRIENDLY DANCE LESSONS
WHAT TO REMEMBER:
Cider Bar is open all night
Kitchen serves macaroni in a pot from 7-8pm
Outside food options are welcome
Non-alcoholic beverages are not welcome
14 & under are not allowed without parent/guardian verbal or written consent
(Mature 15 years old only, please)
(Seriously, don't bring your kids unless you're financially prepared to pay for therapy)
Buckets and mops will be provided
Boots and beer belly sold separately
Our motto? Open legs means an open mind!

We hope to see some new wh*res in this (cider) house every Thursday 7-9PM!
@ WOODCHUCK CIDER HOUSE $10/PERSON - Virgins half off (you need this class more than we need the money)

Instructor Candy has been teaching the **"WAP" (Wet Ass-P*ssy)** dance since Cardi B's single was released in 2020 and loves to share her passion for dropping, grinding, and gobbling to dancers of all levels, from mary-janes to certified-freaks!

Further Reading

Alternative Girl Group Actually a Bunch of Losers and Super Mean

"That girl in the low-rise below-knee jorts, red suede Adidas Sambas, and AirPod Maxes is trying sooooo hard," says girls trying harder.

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Gaza Solidarity Encampment Agrees to Disband

College solemnly commits to divest from "absolutely nothing lmao fuck y'all how this dick taste?"

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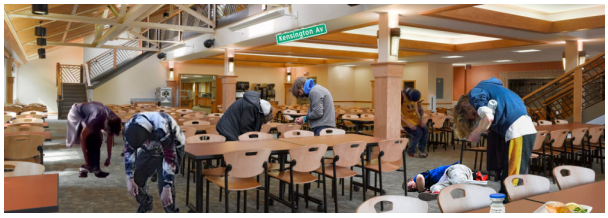

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MiddX Sells Nicotine Patches Due to VELO Embargo

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"Shotgunning a 30 Rack" Joins PE Offerings

"BRAAAAAAAAAAAAAAP," say boys.
"Owww, my stummy :(" say girls.

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Two Brothers Name Change

Following the sex change of one half of the executive board of Two Brothers Tavern, the restaurant has begun crowd-sourcing ideas for new names. Other brother extremely supportive, yet fears the inevitability of a Wachowski situation.

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Book Burning
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Cemetery
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Sidepocket
Tuna Mountain
Marxist Laser Tag
Bees
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Battell Hall
Battell North
Battell Center
Battell South
Le Château
Proctor Dining
Gifford Hall
Carr Hall
Freeman Center
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